Foreign Nationals in Kutch, Gujarat

1391. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign nationals are arrested from Kutch district of Gujarat during the year 1991;

(b) the number of cases filed and under which Act;

(c) the number of smugglers arrested during the current year there; and

(d) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Damage to roads/National Highways due to rains

1392. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recent heavy rains in Delhi and other parts of the country, the roads/National Highways have been badly damaged;

(b) if so, whether Government have since contemplated any measures to repair the roads/National Highways in a time-bound period to prevent accidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Government of India is primarily concerned with the development and maintenance of roads which have been declared as National Highways. All other roads are essentially the concern of the State Governments. Reports about damages to some of the National Highways due to recent rains have been received. Necessary restoration works are being undertaken by the State Governments to keep the National Highways in a traffic worthy condition. Out of the total budget allocation of Rs. 156.78 crores in 1991-92 for maintenance of National Highways, a sum of Rs. 52.18 crores has already been released to the State PWDs for the purpose.

Involvement of private operators in DTC

1393. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow more private transporters into the operation of Delhi Transport Corporation and allow the private operators to draw up their own fare structure;

(b) if so, the fare structure drawn by the private operators will be at variance with that of the Corporation or not; and

(c) if so, details of the terms and conditions on which the private sector is to run their buses in the Capital and when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.